

### REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 4, 18, 20 and 41 to reduce claim dependencies and to correct typographical errors. Applicants have canceled claims 7, 14-16, 19, 21-39, 42, and 44-45 to reduce claim fees and without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue their subject matter in the present application and in other applications. Applicants have amended the specification to recite that this application is the national stage of international patent application PCT/US2004/041668, filed December 10, 2004.

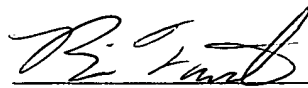
Applicants submit that this amendment adds no new matter to the application.

Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if the Examiner believes a discussion will expedite prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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